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Two Men Charged with Robbing Kangaroo Convenience Stores

Durham police arrested two men early this morning and charged them with robbing two Kangaroo convenience stores at gunpoint.

The men – Anthony James Ballard, 17, and Brandon Louis Dent, 21, both of Durham – have been charged with three counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon, two counts of felony conspiracy and one count of possession of a stolen firearm. Dent was also charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Both men were placed in Durham County Jail under \$1 million bonds.

The first robbery was reported at 12:48 a.m. today at the Kangaroo, 3301 Guess Road. Two males entered the business, pointed a gun at an employee and demanded money. They fled with cash, cigars, food and drinks.

Approximately 30 minutes later, officers were dispatched to an armed robbery at the Kangaroo, 4835 Hope Valley Road. Two males matching the descriptions of the suspects in the robbery on Guess Road entered the business and robbed it at gunpoint. They fled with cash, cigarettes, phones, food and drinks.

A short time later, officers spotted a car with its door open and a bag of money inside on Copper Ridge Drive. They also received reports of suspicious activity at another nearby apartment complex. The officers searched for two hours and located Dent and Ballard at an apartment complex in the 7200 block of NC 751 shortly after 4 a.m.

They recovered cash and several items stolen during the two robberies. They also recovered a handgun, which had been reported stolen in Charlotte.